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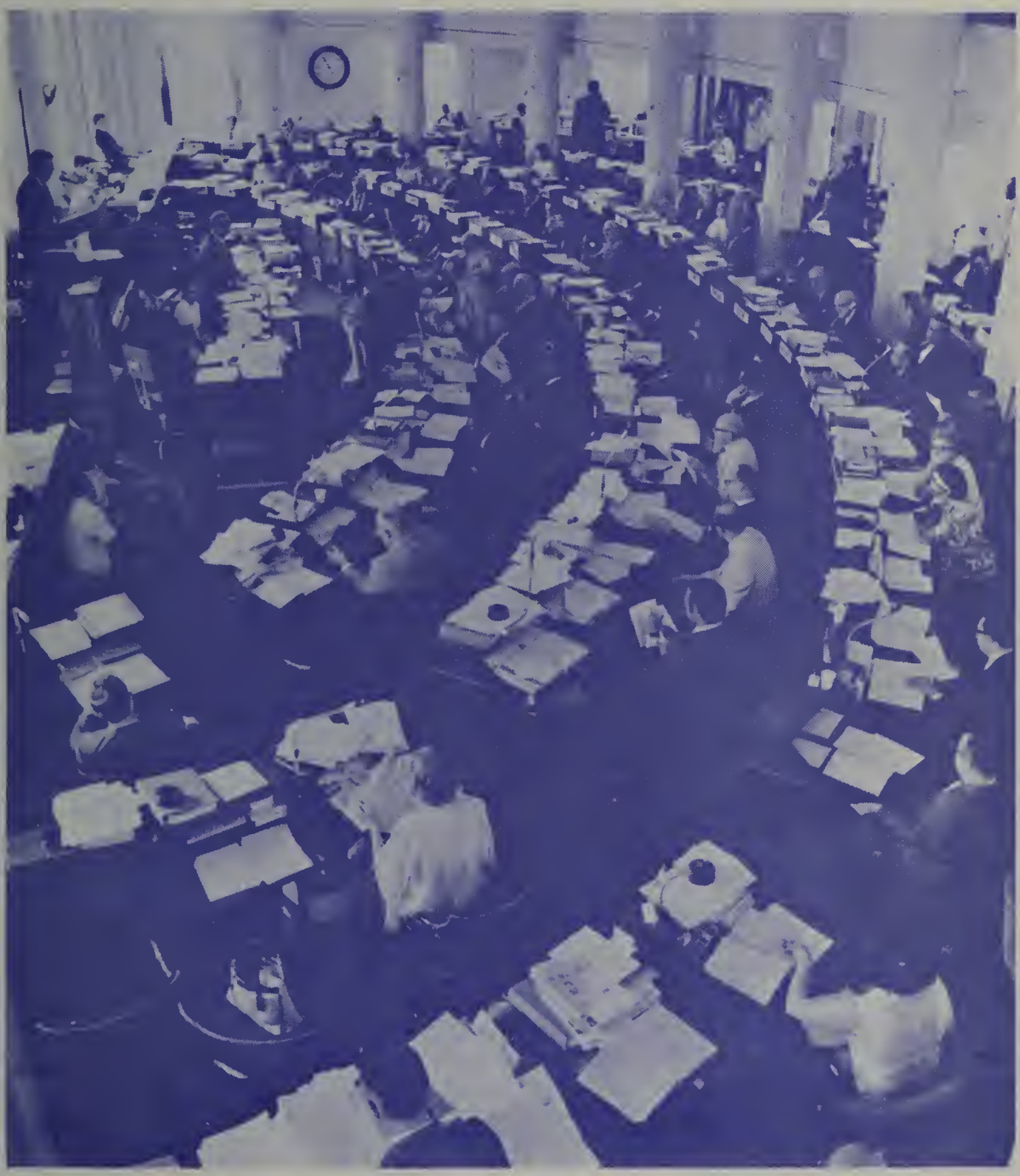

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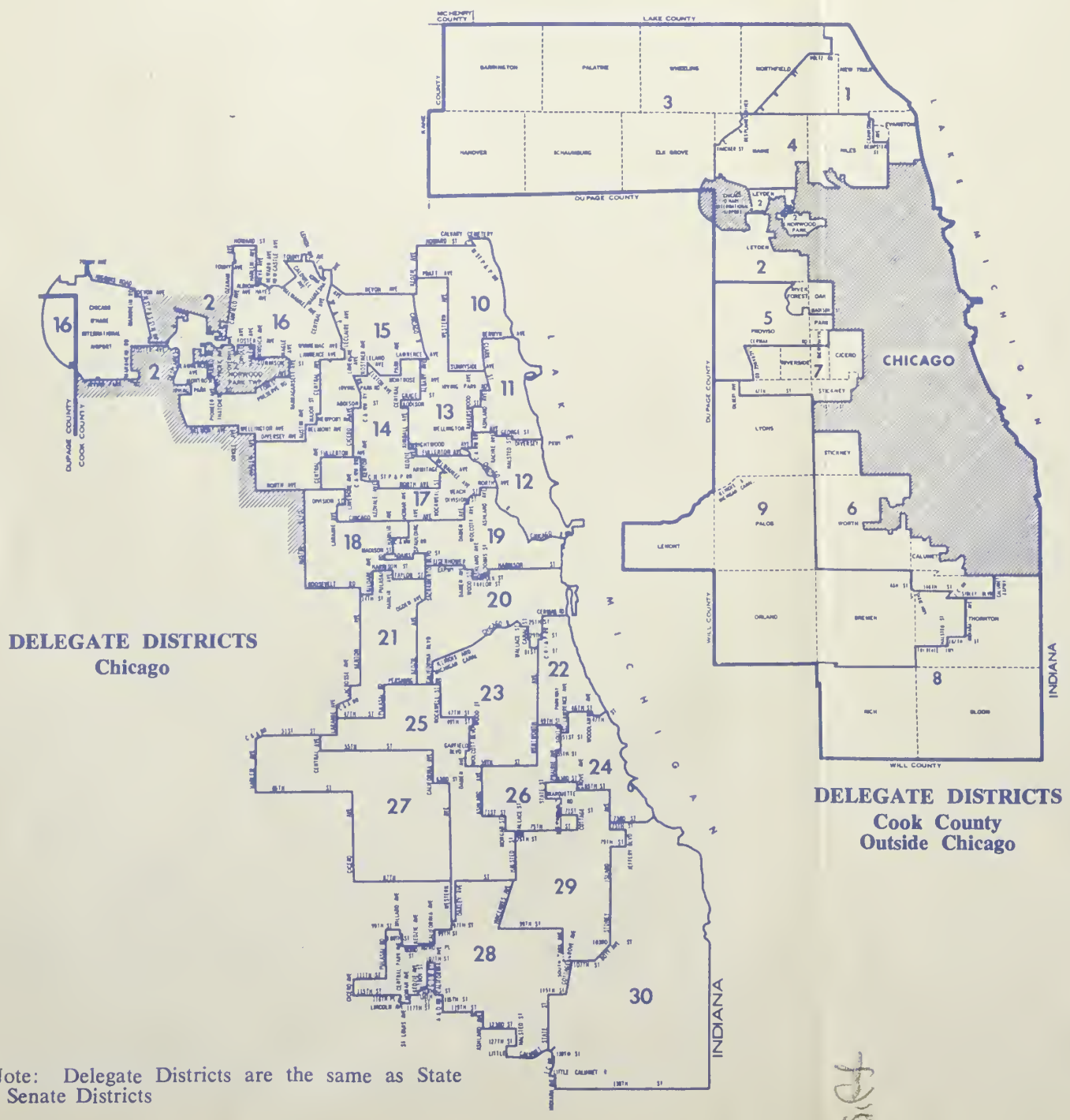

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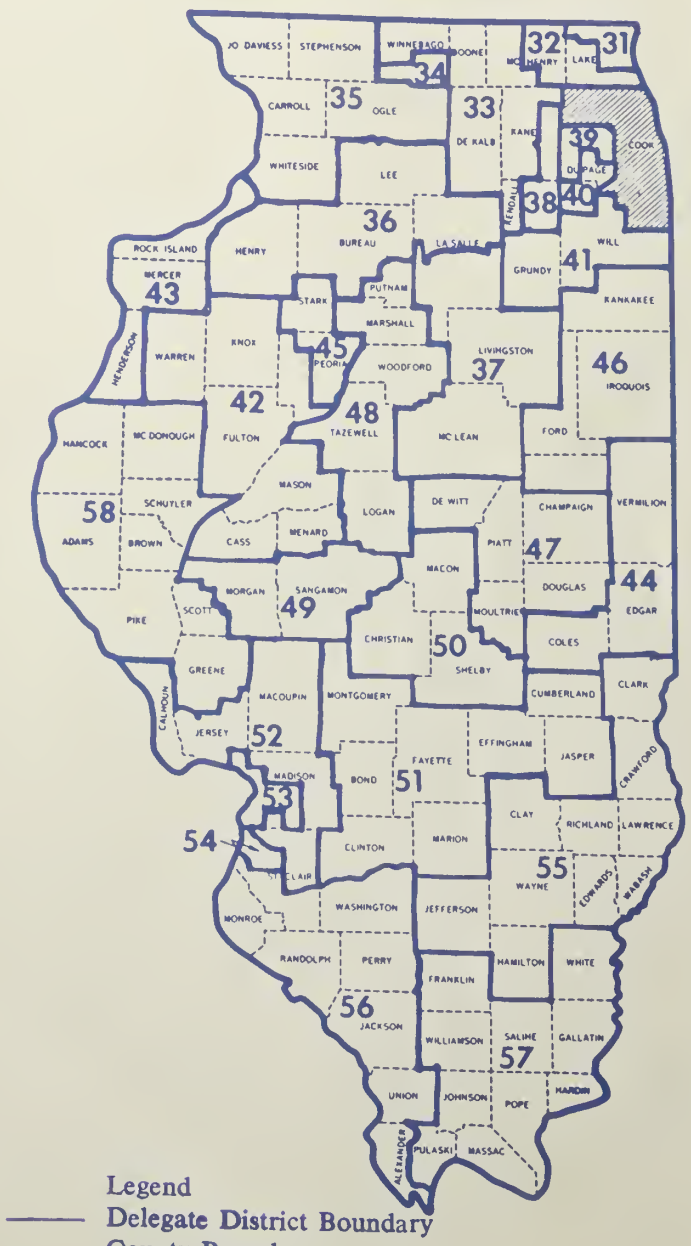

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Since December 8, 1969, 116 delegates to the Sixth Illinois Constitutional Convention have been meeting in Springfield to write a new constitution for the people of Illinois. The delegates began their work by hearing testimony from hundreds of witnesses, representing many opinions on the strengths and weaknesses of our present 100-year-old Constitution. They also heard from many additional citizens in a series of public hearings held all around the State.

Once the delegates had listened to the experts and sampled public opinion, they began the long and difficult job of deciding how the Constitution of 1870 might be rewritten to meet the problems of 1970. The Convention had divided into committees, each assigned to consider a specific subject area. After careful deliberations, each committee has now made its recommendations to the full membership of the Convention.

Under the rules of the Convention, each Committee report must be presented to all the delegates twice for debate and amendment. This is known as first and second reading. After each reading the report is sent to a special Committee on Style and Drafting to be put into proper constitutional language. After Committee reports have completed second reading, the Style and Drafting Committee will place all of them into a single, complete document. Then this document is presented to the Convention for a third and final reading.

Final approval of the Convention's work comes from the people of Illinois. The Convention can only recommend changes. Each Illinois voter will have the opportunity to vote on the Constitution of 1970 in a special election early next winter. A month before the election each voter will receive a copy of the new constitution with an explanation of all changes. This will help to fully inform people before they vote.

The Convention has not yet given final approval to the Constitution of 1970. However, the delegates have tentatively approved a number of recommendations on first reading. These preliminary recommendations, which are subject to revision, include:

ENVIRONMENT—A new environment article would give individuals legal standing to sue polluters, even though the person has not suffered any special damage.

EDUCATION—A State Board of Education would be created and empowered to appoint the superintendent of public instruction who is now elected on a partisan basis.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT—Cities over 10,000 and counties with an elected chief executive would receive broad home-rule powers.

SUFFRAGE—A proposal lowering the voting age to 18 would be separately submitted to the voters.

JUDICIAL—Judges of the Supreme and Appellate Courts would be appointed by the Governor from lists submitted by a special nominating commission.

LEGISLATURE—The size of the General Assembly would be reduced by 31 members, with the Senate cut from 58 to 51 and the House from 177 to 153. A single House member would be elected from each district.

EXECUTIVE—The governor and lieutenant governor would be elected as a team, like the U.S. President and Vice President. State officers would be elected in years when there is no presidential election.

BILL OF RIGHTS—The right to bear arms, subject to State regulation, would be added, along with a strong anti-discrimination clause, including open housing and fair employment provisions.

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